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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of May 18, 2004, the date for timely reply being extended one month to expire on September 18, 2004, Applicants timely submit the following Amendment. Entry of this Amendment and reconsideration of the claims are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.